GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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CONSERVATION AND PROMOTION OF BIODIVERSITY IN NORTH EAST
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kaziranga National Park has celebrated its centenary in February this year;

(b) if so, the highlights of these celebrations;

(c) whether the need for conservation and promotion of biodiversity of the North East was highlighted during the celebrations;

(d) if so, whether any proposal for the purpose have been submitted to the Union Government;

(e) if so, the details and cost thereof; and

(f) the response of the Union Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c) The highlights of the celebrations included:

i) Elephant Procession and Biodiversity Rally
ii) International seminars on "Nature Tourism", "Man - Animal coexistence", "Grassland management", "Avifaunal diversity and its conservation", "Vision Kaziranga: Beyond 2005" and "Rescue and Rehabilitation of Wild Animals".
iii) Tribute to the Sentinels of Kaziranga.
iv) Exhibition of wildlife and environment related films and photographs.
v) Establishment of a Biodiversity Park by planting unique species from the North Eastern States.

(d) & (e) No separate proposal has been submitted, but the proposals submitted under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes on Wildlife are all aimed at conservation of the biodiversity of the region.

(f) The proposals submitted under different Centrally Sponsored Schemes are considered according to their merit subject to availability of fund.